

Science Experiment Gone Wrong, or Science Sabotage?

What you've done so far...

- You visited the scene, looked for evidence (lots of shiny candy wrappers!).
- You got your mind 'moving' looking at poetry riddles. Poems that connected with the scene.
- You developed a plot diagram and recorded your narrative.
- You used clues to describe a character.

NOW! IT'S TIME TO WRITE A PERSUASIVE ESSAY, TELLING ME WHAT YOUR GROUP BELIEVED HAPPENED.

THE TASK:

Your group will write an essay TOGETHER. You will write an introductory paragraph as a group. You will each write a body paragraph stating ONE claim. You will then write a concluding paragraph as a group.



Step 1: Create your THESIS.

- What is your claim?
- Was it an accident or crime?
- How do you know?



Thesis Hint

The science experiment went terribly wrong by accident. It was caused by _____ and _____ and _____.*

OR....

The crime committed in room created havoc! It was clearly a crime because of _____, and _____, and _____.*

*Groups of 4 will need FOUR

reasons!

TYPE YOUR THESIS STATEMENT HERE

Step 2: Write your introduction paragraph.


- Start with a HOOK.
- Give some background.
- End with your thesis statement.

INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH:

Step 3: Write your individual paragraphs.

- Each group member is responsible for writing their own paragraph.
- Each group member takes ONE reason (sub-claim) to support your claim.
- YOU DECIDE the order.
- Points are earned as follows:

Body Paragraph	Present (2)	Clear (2)	Correct Placement (2)
Sub-Claim			
Cite (Evidence)			
Explain Evidence			



HINTS:

- A crime was clearly committed in the lab because of the _____ that was seen on the table. This shows that _____ was in the lab after hours and There is no doubt that this evidence shows that this was no accident.
- Accidents happen. The _____ shows that this was an innocent, if horrible,

Restate Thesis			
Formal Writing	Yes/No		
Final Grade: ____ / 25			

accident. This evidence shows that _____. A terrible mistake led to the chaos.

BODY PARAGRAPH #1 ~ Written by _____

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BODY PARAGRAPH #2 ~ Written by _____



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BODY PARAGRAPH #3 ~ Written by _____

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BODY PARAGRAPH #4 (groups of 4 only) ~ Written by _____

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<p>AND FINALLY...</p> <p>As a group you will write your conclusion. Restate your thesis. Sum it all up. Mic drop!</p> 	
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Conclusion:

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